



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

STUDY SESSION

JEAN F. BURKHOLDER

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

7:30 p.m.

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Our mission is the Urbana School District #116, through the active engagement of the community, is to provide a quality education by vigorously fostering high expectations for individual growth within a nurturing and just environment, enabling each student to become a self-sufficient, productive, caring, and responsible member of a changing world society.

Mr. Mark Netter, President
Mr. John Dimit, Vice-President
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Ms. Brenda Carter, Member
Ms. Cope Cumpston, Member
Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Member
Mr. Steve Summers, Member
Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent
Ms. Lori Johnson, Board Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Netter called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Mark Netter, President
Mr. John Dimit, Vice-President
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Secretary Pro Tem
Ms. Brenda Carter, Member
Ms. Cope Cumpston, Member
Mr. Steve Summers, Member

Also Present: Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent
Mr. Don Owen, Asst Supt of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Gayle Jeffries, Asst. Supt. of Human Resources
Ms. Carol Baker, Director of Business/Finance
Mr. Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities & Grounds

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS - None

5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING/SESSION (After current meeting)

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Carter moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Cumpston. Motion passed.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

7.01 Administration to Recognize National Board Certified Teachers

Gayle Jeffries, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, introduced the following staff that have qualified as National Board Certified Teachers: Cheryl Camacho – King, Karen DeBauche – UMS, Samuel Furrer – UHS, Tamara Gingold – UMS/Elementary.

8.0 POLICY REVIEW

9.0 ACTION ITEMS (individual/consent if needed)

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve items #9.01 and #9.03 as consent action items, seconded by Member Summers. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed.

9.01 Urbana Middle School Restructuring Plan - Consent

Assistant Superintendent Don Owen, requested board approval for submitting the Urbana Middle School Restructure Plan to Illinois State Board of Education.

9.02 Approval of Settlement Agreement - Individual

Board sought authorization to approve various settlement agreements.

Secretary Fisher moved to approve the payment of \$19,000 to fund the settlement of a parent’s claim on a minor student’s behalf per the terms, and as discussed and identified, in executive session, and to authorize the board president to execute the necessary documentation to effectuate the settlement upon consultation with board counsel. Motion was seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed.

Secretary Fisher moved to approve the payment of \$81,000 to fund the settlement of a student’s claim per the terms, and as discussed and identified, in executive session, and to authorize the board president to execute the necessary documentation to effectuate the settlement upon consultation with board counsel. Motion was seconded by Member Summers. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed.

9.03 Personnel Items - Consent

Approval of various personnel items were requested

Note: Member Rollins-Gay left at 7:53 p.m.

10.0 STUDY TOPICS

10.01 EEOC Report

Gayle Jeffries, facilitated the Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmation Action Report to the Board of Education. Ms. Jeffries says the number of minority employees in District 116 has risen to 25% between 2007 and 2008, and the number of minority applications rose 27% compared to last year. Member Cumpston remarked that she was “very impressed” with the report. President Netter thanked Gayle for her work in the hiring and recruiting process.

10.02 Supportive Supervision Plan Evaluation Committee Report

Gayle Jeffries facilitated a presentation to the Board of Education, covering the supportive supervision plan evaluation committee: road shows, plan changes, and plan evaluation procedures of teachers

11.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

12.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mark Schultz briefed the board about an assembly at Wiley where 3rd grader Ruby Jenks was presented an award of valor from the Urbana Fire Department.

13.0 BOARD’S REPORT

Vice-President Dimit said that District 116 and all the other 13 Champaign County school districts will compile a list of facilities improvement to be submitted to the federal government to possibly be included in the federal stimulus package. The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission is shepherding this process through to Washington D.C. Some of the projects that District 116 will submit for review are “green lighting,” geo-thermal air conditioning, and improvements to the secondary campus. He commented that, “District 116 will be well represented in the process.” He also commented that the District’s facilities committee is moving fast and will complete its draft report.

Member Cumpston asked that the board follow up on the dual language program. The item will be on the next board meeting agenda.

President Netter also announced that a citizen's 1% Sales Tax Campaign Committee will form soon.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Dimit moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed.

President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

President

Secretary